Oakden Response Plan Oversight Committee

The SA Health Oakden Response Plan Oversight Committee was established in June 2017 to provide oversight and guidance to SA Health in implementing the six recommendations outlined in The Oakden Report.

At its meeting on 9 February 2018, the Oakden Response Plan Oversight Committee (the Committee) considered and approved the Models of Care Project: Phase 2 document, produced by the Model of Care Expert Working Group. Phase 2 incorporates:

- severe and enduring mental illness
- regional and remote populations.

The Phase 2 draft model will now be provided to the Chief Executive, SA Health for endorsement.

Following the completion of the early design phase of the 24-bed facility in December 2017, the New Facility Expert Working Group is considering appropriate sites to house the facility.

The Staffing Expert Working Group has completed a draft recommended staffing profile for the state-wide Neuro-Behavioural Unit, and is meeting again in February to complete a draft staffing profile recommendation for specialist residential units. The staffing profiles will be presented as a package to the oversight committee on 9 March 2018 for endorsement.

Following extensive consultation in January 2018, the Quality and Safety Expert Working Group’s final draft ‘Clinical Governance Framework for Older Persons Mental Health Services in South Australia – February 2018’ was endorsed by the oversight committee on 9 February 2018.

Following the Culture Expert Working Group’s series of gallery walks in November 2017, two well attended focus groups were held on 23 January 2018 to test the ideas and themes arising from the gallery walks, including respectful behaviours, team building and effective team work, values-based leadership, providing and receiving constructive feedback, effective problem solving and positive communication.

The Culture Expert Working Group is analysing the feedback collected during the focus groups to guide the development of a cultural framework for Older Persons Mental Health Services.

The Restrictive Practices Expert Working Group has completed its work in designing a comprehensive program to reduce restrictive practices. The Plan uses six core strategies for reducing seclusion and restraint. It will include an education program for all staff, transparent use of data to inform practice and development of new roles for lived experience representatives to enhance service accountabilities.

A comprehensive implementation plan was endorsed by the oversight committee, and the business case escalated to the Chief Executive, SA Health for endorsement.